

# CITY OF WILLAMINA OFFICE OF CITY RECORDER

Willamina, Oregon 191 ... State of Oregon 350 County of Jambill 350 We J. a. Noward & C. Eddy and a Dundas being each duly sworm says for himself : I will support the constitution of the United States Oregon and that Iwill to the lest of my ability discharge the duties of Prinstee of the Willamina Cemetery association to Help me God! H. C. Eddy a Found as In lescribed and sworm to before me this 2 d'day of January 1914, how Duste

The Sot Owners of the Willamina Cemetery association convened at 1.30 P.M. on Jan. 2d' 1914, at the Shetterly Hall in Willamina, Ore, pursuant to call by the incorporators, fifteen dot Owners being present. a. Sundas was chosen temporary chairman and Paul Frudman Clerk of the meeting Mominations for brustees heing in order, J. a. Stoward was nominated to serve as Amatee for three years. On notion the rules were suspended and the clerk instruct ed to cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting for J. a. Howard for the 3 year term. Whe ballot was cast for fr. a. Stoward and he was declared duly elected. I. C. Eddy was nominated to serve as Trustee for 5 years. On motion the rules were suspended and the clerk sustancted to cost the unanimous lallot of the meeting for HC Eddy for the 5 year term. The ballot was cast for HC Eddy and he was declared duly elected. a. Dundas was nominated to serve as huster for Tyears On motion the rules were suspended and the clerk instructed to cast the unawimous hallot of the meeting for admidas for the Tyear term The hallot was cast for Q. Dundas and he was declared duly elected. Moved and seconded that the Inistees be empowered to elect the Clerk x treasurer and flix his compensation. - Motion carried Movedly R. D. Lamson and seconded by C.C. hookhart that the husteesbe authorized to figthe prices on the Cemetery hots.

Motion put and carried unanimously, No other business affearing, motion to adjourn was carried unanimously. adjourned. attest! Paul Amduan, Chairman of Meeting. Clerk of Meeting . Vrustees Meeting, Jan. 2d 1914. The Vinsteer of the Willamina Cemetery assive having duly qualified, held a meeting of the dot Owners meeting. RC Eddy was mandmonely elected President of the board of Vrustees - Can Fundaman was unanimously elected Clerkx heasures to serve 5 years. Resolved that the compensation of the Clark where he and the same is herely fixed as follows: For each died issued the sum of \$150, for attending each meeting of the Frustees and keeping the records 50 cents, and that his duties shall be as follows pot to keep correct minutes of all meetings of the association and of the Board of Trustees. Id Noreceive and keep account of all funds belonging to the asen, and to disburse the same upon the written order of the Chairman of the Vrusteen. 3ª Vo prepare all deeds to Cemetery hota and to collect all moneys due the asin. whom the sale of hits

Eastly to perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees may from time to time direct . -The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved that all meetings of the Trustees shall be held upon the call of the President upon 24 hours oral or written notice to each of the other Vrustees, provided that a meeting may be held at any time by common consent. Resolved that the Seal of this corporation shall have insoribed upon it the following words : The Willamina Cemetery association Corporate Seal, Willamina, Oragon The Clerk upon motion was instructed to have a corporate Seal made and to have printed 250 Cemetery Deeds . -The Clerk was upon motion unantmously adopted, authorized to purchase such blank books as needed to keep the records of the association Board duly adjourned to meet at the call of the chairma attest President Paul Fundman

4 The Board of Vinatees of the Willamina Cemetery association met at the Clerk's affice on Det 2d. 1914, F.C. Eddy presided. Lecy- Thens. ordered to pay to Sebhardt che Co. \$1000 for stakes and how W. D. Similar muchas possible an aforthis bill food adjourned The Board of Unsteer of the Willow Cemetery asen, met at the clerk's office on May 31st 1916, Thesent R.C. Eddy Chairman, alfred Dundas & & Ch. Howard Mustee, - Van Rondman, Lecy Dees, measurer instructed to pay to alfred Sunday \$200 bal due him and to J. a. Start \$3 40 leal due for printing, - Moved & seconder delivered to P. C. Eddy in consideration of cash by him paid to C.R. Confield. surveyor and \$300 paidta dea Brancont Paleate - Theasurer authorized to pay to W. O. Shows, atteg ball of \$200 due him. - Paul thurdenan presented is resignation assecretary of the association and came day accepted to take effect at once, The letting stead, warred all dains to compendation due him and the board tendered him avote of thanks for his services, - Dra Barber was then unanimously Lected secretary of the association serveduring the mesphedlern

5 ation to take offert upon electro and qualification of his or Resignation so C.C. Tackfast was then appointed by the trustees to serve the astructed Sluring the unsplied ter Eddy Designed . C.C. Lookhart was drily swown as truster of the W. emetery associations thest Cant Fundman Trustles Meeting Mor. 28th. 1907. Meeting called to order by Tres. Co Joekhart. Com around the Cen was order to fless the so was order to place the to Hosts allowed of warrant drown for So Teo . Ramsey, bill for \$1 400 ps scingrew Jenes around Ceretery allowed for \$20.25 for services are Clerk on delds and notices allowed order faid by order on

6 that the affinement of Atto W. Heidly heretofore made at a meeting held on July 1007, planting Cemetery association be Confirmed & that the said affoirthment be made a matter of record, as clerk of said Association Said motor was seconded by al lundar on seing fut by the Greadent it was bundhimously Carried. authorized to see about the Jurehaving of frick from the Pacific Placing at the dorner offerent ferties. On motion the meeting adjourned to meet again on the call of the Clerk of the association Plated nor. 28th, 1917. Otto W. Heider & G Goekhart.

#### May 16th.1921.

The Board of Trustees of the Willamina Cemetery Association met at the office of the Clerk, O. W. Heider, and there were present trustees C. C. Lockhart and A.L. Dundas. Meeting was called to order by president Lockhart, and them minutes of the previous meeting where read and approved.

It was moved and carried that C.H. Skaags be elected Sexton of the cemetery and to serve until further ordered by the Trustees, and his duties are to dig, necessary graves from time to time as ordered by the owners of the lots and such otherwork as maybe ordered by the Trustees.

It was also ordered by the trustees on motion that Mr. Ekaags lay the pipe to the cemetery that has already been purchased and when the work is completed that a warrant issue to him in payment of such services.

As required by the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Association the same were changed so that the only requirement to qualify as a trustee is that the trustee be a resident of either Polk or Yamhill Counties Oregon, and that the trustees remaining after the resignation, absence for three months or death of any trustee to elect a new trustee to fill such vanancy for the unexpired term.

This being the time and place for the annual meeting Al Dundas and C. C. Lockhart were re-elected trustees and the said Lockart was re-elected to serve 7 years, Al Dundas to serve 5 years and C.H.Skaags the new trustee was elected to serve 3 years.

The clerk, Otto W. Heider stated that there was a balance on hand on May 14th 1921, of the sum of \$151.84, which amount being checked was found correct.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to the call of the President.

Attest:

Clerk.

66 Lockhast President.

Melling of association 8 3/23/17called to order by the Chairman that Mrs. a Stoots and were the Cemel for fine

Meeting June 19, 1917. The Susties of the Willamina leemetery Assin met on the 14. th Lag of June, 1917 gt the lice of Heider & Mark in Willamina, Ore C. C. Lockhart presiding be no lecord of the minuhes of the last meeting. On aformo Lign of 1. A. Howard, Ray M. was nominated & efected specietants Succeed that & Barber who recently left for an yrdefinithe bestird. Sendering no resignation. mation was pracle seconded; and approved Ahah Sery, investigate and ascelbain the amount in the treasury, andreport at the next skeeting. Mostion of 1.a. Saward Mesting possoumed By Mark

#### August 19th.1929.

The Board of Trustees of the Willamina Cemetery Association met on the above date at the office of Otto W.Heider at Willamina, Oregon, being the office of the Clerk and Treasurer of said Association, with Trustees C.C.Lockhart and John Shetterly, besides said&Clerk being present.

Chairman Lockhart announced that the trusteeship of Alfred Dundas was vacant because of his death about a month ago and that nominations were in order. Thereupon Trustee John Shetterly placed the name of H.W.Flanery in nomination for a five year term from this date, as he was a resident and inhabitant of Willamina, Yamhill County, Oregon, and a lot owner in said cemetery, and he to serve in place and instead of Trustee Alfred Dundas, deceased.

Upon the nomination being put to vote the same carried unanimousl and Chairman Lockhart, declared H.W. Flanery, elected for a five year term, and until his successor was elected and qualified. Thereupon he was duly sworn into office and took the oath as such trustee.

Upon motion being made by Trustee Shetterly and 2nd.by Trustee, H.W. Flanery, Otto W. Heider was continued in office as Secretary and Treasurer of the Willamina Cemetery Association, a Corporation, until the further order of the trustees at a subjectuent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

It was also moved and 2nd. that C.H. Skaags continue as Sexton of the Cemetery with his usual duties, until otherwise, ordered, and which motion duly carried.

The Clerk also reported that as of this date, there was on deposit to the credit of the Association the sum of \$259.01, in the Willamina State Bank, which represented receipts from time to time on the sale of lots and that during the last 8 years, no lots had been sold on credit and that there were no outstanding accounts for the sale of lots, as all lots during that time had been sold for cash. The Clerk presented a bill of \$3.50 for two deeds and secretary

work, which was ordered paid.

Also a motion was made and unanimously carried that hereafter the price of all lots be \$8.00 for 1 grave space, 2 grave space, \$15.00, 3 grave space, \$20.00, and 4 grave space, \$25.00, and that the price obtain until the further order of the trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned on the coll of the president.

Attest:

Approved:

President.

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#### MINUTES OF WILLAMINA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Willamina Cemetery Association trustees met at regular session on the 9th day of May, 1938 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the City Hall, with acting chairman H. W. Flannery present, and secretary, Otto W. Heider, with former trustee, John Shetterly having passed away over two years ago and former trustee, C. C. Lockhart having died five years ago.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Flannery, and thereupon the chairman placed K. E. Shetterly in for nomination for 2-year term, J. R. Whitcomb for 1-year term and H. W. Flannery for 3-year term, and thereupon the nominations were put to vote, the same were unanimously elected for the respective terms, and chairman H. W. Flannery thereupon nominated Otto W. Heider for secretary and treasurer for the Willamina Cemetery Association for the insuing term, and upon vote being taken he was unaanimously elected.

It was thereupon moved by trustee Flannery and seconded by trustee Shetterly that the cemetery be immediately cleaned up, rubbish burned and grass cut before Decoration Day, and chairman Flannery was directed immediately to attend to said work, and to turn the bill in to the treasurer for payment.

Motion made and carried that meeting adjourn.

Attest:

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Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman

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Relph Dundas, Ida Dundas, Effie Morrison, Hap & Beulah Parrett met at the home of H. A. Parrett to organize a Cemetery Board.

Ralph Dundas was appointed President Pro Tem. and Beulah Parrett Secretary Treasurer Pro. Tem.

Mr. Dundas volunteered to try and look up the existing records which should be at the Polk County Court House at Dallas. He also was to contact Lawyer Kenneth Shetterly, Jr. for legal advice.

The group discussed freely their sincere interest in trying to rut this pioneer cemetery into such shape that the people of Willamina may be proud of it's neatness and beauty.

This project is sponcered jointly by the Willamina Civic Club and the Willamina Kiwanas Club.

Beulah Parrett, Sec'y Pro Tem.

On Tues. Aug. 21, 1951

The Cemetery Board met in the office of H. A. Parrett.
Those present were President Ralph Dundas, Sec'y Beulah Parrett.
Members of the board Ray Morrison and Effic Morrison.

Kenneth Shetterly, Jr. met with the board and outlined the articles of Corporation of the old association. He suggested the old association had not been successful, and that a cemetery district be created which would insure there always would be a good cemetery in this area. The value of this district was discussed at length.

There were problems, the largest of which was caused by Willamina being located in two counties.

Kenneth promised to do the legal work for us and be patient about his fee. Legal work being laying out of the properity in the efficient.

We have \$39.00 on hand plus the amount which is from the old association fund and is in abcount with Otto Heider. The exact amount is unknown at this time.

The meeting adjourned until a later date.

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Secretary

### January 1953

The Cemetary Board met in the office of H. A. Parrett.

Those present, Ralph Dundas, Ray Morrison, H. A. Parrett
and Mrs. H. A. Parrett.

The Clarence Savage Estate discussed at length.

The house in question is in bad repair. Board hasn't money to handle fixing it up.

Motion made Ralph Dundas take action for Board as he sees fit.

Ralph Dundas suggested we settle for \$100.00. the lawyer had suggested this would be a fair settlement.

Otto Heider reported there were- was no Cemetery money in his hands.

Meeting adjourned.

Beulah Parrett, Secretary

Ray Morrison and Ralph Dundas to go to Dallas to see Kenneth Shetterly, Jr. who has done nothing ef for the Cemetery Board to date.

A meeting of the Willamina Cemetery was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Parrett, Wednesday June 30th.

After the death of Mr. Ralph Dundas, president of the organization since it was organized, it was necessary to elect a new president.

Mr. Parrett presided at the business meeting, pre tem.

There was much discussion about the history of the organization and what had been accomplished in the past.

Mr. Herbert Rydell was nominated for President. There being no other nominations the President closed the nomintions and the Secretary cast a unamimimous ballot for Mr. Rydell as President.

Mrs. Parrett volunteed to act as Sec'y - Treasurer until some one else could be found.

The Secretary reported \$254.25 cash on hand.

A motion was made that a bill by Mr. Melvin Kihlstadius, for work on the cemetery before decoration Day, of \$57.00 be paid. Motion seconded and carried. this left a Bal. of \$197.25, in the bank.

Ray Morrison volunteered to contact the Polk County Court to see if it would be possible for them to aid in the care of the cemetery as it is located in Polk County.

Mr. Hap Parrett said he would contact a new lawyer about the Pioneer Cemetery idea as Mr. Kenneth Shetterley, Jr did not carry out his promises.

Motion to adjourn.

Coffee and cake was served at the end of the evening.

Sulal Farett Sec'y A meeting of the Willamina Cemetery Board was held at the home of Beulah Parrett, for the purpose of electing a new member on the Board replacing Hap Parrett.

Those present were, Herb Rydell, Amanda McBee, Harold Caligan, Ray Morrison and Beulah Parrett.

The Board also wished to elect a new Sec'y-Treasurer to replace Beulah Parrett who wished to resign.

Mr. Herb Rydell, President, called the meeting to order with a short review of the history of the Cemetery Board.

Harold Caligan was nominated and elected as a new Board member.

Mrs. Amanda McBee was nominated and elected as the new Sec'y
Treasurer.

After a short visit the meeting adjourned.

Beulah W. Parrett Sieg- June

A meeting of the Willamina cemetery Board was held at the cemetery, for the purpose of electing a new member to the board replacing Ray Morrison.

The meeting was called to order by Herb Rydell, President. Bob Shetterly was nominated and elected as a new board member.

The meeting was adjourned.

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On December 24, 1958,\$25.00 was deposited to cemetary account from Orlando Myers for lot no. 11.

On March 31, 1959, \$25.00 was deposited to the cemetery account, received from Mr. Adamson for lot no. 10.

On June 13, 1959, \$13.90 was paid to Willamina Feed & Seed for weed spray.

The sum of money on hand at this time was \$242.55

A meeting of the Cemetery Board was held at the cemetery for the purpose of electing a new member replacing Harold Caligan.

The meeting was called to order by Herb Rydell, President.

Laurice Fox was nominated and elected as a new board member.

It was agreed that we should hire someone to work a couple of days cutting brush.

The meeting was adjourned

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" " Herb Rydell.
" Ray Morrison

PHONES:

OTTO W. HEIDER

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

SHERIDAN -: - OREGON

June 12, (1951

Mr. Ralph Dundas Willamina Oregon

Dear Ralph:

I am sending you herewith plat of the Willamina cemetery. It is the only one in existence and for crying out loud, do not lose it. I wonder if, when you are through with it, you ought not to return it to me for save keeping. It is the last and only one that has not been lost or destroyed.

Cordially yours,

How W. Heider

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Adamsons Lots in Willamina Cometery

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DEACONS 3 year term (elect 4)	Warren Britt 70
A. C. Camp	Floyd Matthews 70
Ernest Klebsch	Albert Wilson 70
Mark Smith	/
Larry Wilson	DEACONS remaining in office
	John Fisher 71
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Joetta Barker	Oliver Scherl 71
Dorothy Hawk	C. A. Stringer Sr 71
Violet Doyle	Tod Aaron 70
	Frank Doyle 70
Berniece Smith	Krrl Gast 70
Helen Voorhees	Bace Williams 70
Ruth Jones	Joe Zajac 70
Pearl Camp	
Elizabeth Britt	DEACONESSES remaining in office
Ann Matthews	Lola Asbury 70
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Lottie Brownson	Edith Stringer 70
Marie Hamilton	Nina Adamson
Viola Yoder	Shares Course
Florence Vaughn	Sharon Graves 70
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Elizabeth Britt	Margaret Harpe 71
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TRUSTEE 3 year term	Freda Barnes 71
Oliver Schell	Prances Browning 77
	Georgia Emerson 71
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September 17, 1996

City Hall Willamina, Oregon 97396

To Whom it may concern;

On September 13, 1996, my wife and I stopped at your office to obtain information about the Willamina Cemetery. Everyone there was very helpful, and arranged for us to meet Myrtle Barber at the cemetery. When we returned from the cemetery we had a very pleasant exchange with a lady who furnished me with a copy of the Deed to the Cemetery. I appreciated this, as the land for the cemetery was donated by my G.G. Grandfather Joseph W. Knifong in 1877.

I regret that I failed to get the name of this lady. Even when she was furnishing me names of contacts, and allowing me to look at your historical file I didn't think to ask her name. I promised her I would send some information about my families, who lived in or near Willamina and Sheridan for your files, I am assuming she will get it.

I hope you find the enclosed of interest. If you wish to pass this on to others, feel free. If you know of any other descendants of any of these families who would like to exchange information, please refer them.

Thank you so much for the friendliness that everyone we had occasion to meet in your city showed us. We plan to return when we can stay for a few days.

Very Truly Yours

Richard C. Smith

PO Box 167

Husum, WA 98623

PH. (509) 493-1339

#### JOSEPH W. KNIFONG

Joseph was born April 11, 1811, in Russell County Virginia to Martin Jesse Knifong, Jr. and Eve (Wolfe). Joseph moved with his family to Sullivan Co. Missouri, where he met and married Rhoda Ann Thurlo. Joseph and Rhoda Ann had three children:

John Martin Knifong---born April 6, 1846, Sullivan Co., MO

Pasca H. Knifong-----born c1847 Sullivan Co., MO

Olive E. Knifong-----born 1851 Sullivan Co., MO

On the 20th of April 1852, Joseph along with the Hatcher family packed up and started for the gold fields of California. After several hard months on the trail and seeing many people die of cholera and smallpox, Rhoda Ann became ill in the Sierra Nevada mountains. They arrived in the lone valley the 2nd of August 1852 where Rhoda Ann Knifong died. Joseph stayed in the area for a short time, and then leaving the children with the Hatcher family, Joseph proceeded to Oregon where he arrived on the 16th of November 1852. Joseph returned to California in 1853 to get his children. He returned with them to Oregon, where they settled in Polk Co. He married the widow Mrs. Mary White Feb. 19, 1854. They settled Donation land claim No. 3765 on Feb. 21, 1854. (This land claim is near the town of Willamina, OR.) On Feb. 24, 1877 Joseph and Mary donated some land in Polk Co., for a public burying ground. This property is the Willamina Cemetery.) Mary brought to the marriage a 4 year old daughter.

Elizabeth F. (White) Knifong--born 12 June 1849 in Missouri. Joseph and Mary had 9 more children. Tragically only one (Rhoda Ann) lived to majority. All of them dying before age 10, Elizabeth (White) died at 14.6 The children were:

Mary Knifong---b. 2 July 1854--d. 25 Aug. 1863.

Ella Knifong----b. Aug. 1856---d. Aug. 1863.

Rhoda Ann Knifong--b. Abt. 1857--d. 26 Jan. 1882 (Lived to marry James H. Hunt.)

James Knifong--b. Feb. 1858--d. 1 day

Stephan Knifong (twin)-b. Dec. 1859--d. Prob. at birth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Crossing the Plains. From Moving on West by Ruby Knifong, Page 24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Land claim records. Oregon state archives.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Yamhill Co. marriage records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ruth Stoller, Yamhill/Polk Co. historian

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Polk Co., census 1860.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>From head stones Willamina Cemetery.

Thomas Knifong (twin)-b. Dec. 1859--d. Prob. at birth Clara Knifong---b. 19 June 1864---d. 18 May 1874
Leuella Knifong (twin)-b. Aug. 1864---d. Prob. at birth.
Leuvicy Knifong (twin)-b. Aug. 1864---d.Prob. at birth.

Joseph died, 5 May 1880. Mary died, 29 April 1897, both are buried along with their children in the Willamina cemetery, on the property they donated.

Rhoda Ann who was named for Joseph's first wife, married James Hunt 3 July 1881.<sup>7</sup> In 1877 she signed as a witness to the deed for the for the cemetery. Rhoda is also buried in the Willamina cemetery, but I have no other information about her.

<u>John Martin Knifong</u>, married <u>L.J. (Jane) Sheldon</u> 10 Nov. 1867. They had one child:<sup>8</sup>

Olive Knifong--b. Dec. 1869, Polk Co., Olive married a \_\_\_\_\_\_Blaisdell. No other information is available at this time. John and Jane divorced, and John moved to Tillamook Co., probably living with his sister Pasca and her family. John's sister lived near the William Butt family. One of William's daughters was Sarah 'Sadie' Butt who John courted and wed on the 15th of Sept. 1880. John also became Sheriff of Tillamook Co., OR that same year. John and Sarah had five daughters:

Minnie Maud Knifong--b. 21 Sept. 1881--d. 1913.

Ella Knifong---b. 10 June 1883--d. 1972.

Hettie Pearl Knifong--b. 23 May 1886--d. 6 Feb. 1966.

Litta Sadie Knifong--b. 25 May 1890--d. 21 Sept. 1957.

Chatta Knifong--b. 11 Sept. 1892--d. ??

In 1895, John and his family lived in Waterloo, Oregon where John was working as a night watchman for the Waterloo Woolen Mill. John was described as a well-liked man, but nearly destitute. On the night of November 21, John was found lying injured with a fractured skull. He died about 15 hours later without regaining consciousness. It was thought that he had fallen from an upper level, 2 doctors called in said it looked as if he had been hit with something. The coroner's jury split on whether his death was accidental or not. This caused controversy in the area for some time but was never resolved. John is buried in the Klum Pioneer Cemetery near Waterloo.

Sarah and the girls moved back to Tillamook Co., to be near her family. She died just less than 4 years later on 4 May 1899, leaving 5 little girls to be farmed out to others to raise. Sarah is buried in the Nestucca Valley Cemetery beside her mother and father.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Polk Co., marriage records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Polk Co., Marriage records and 1870 census.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Lebonan Express. Nov. 28, 1895/Dec. 5. 1895.

<u>Pasca H. Knifong</u>, Joseph's oldest daughter, married <u>A. J. Martin</u> at her father's home Jan. 26 1868.<sup>10</sup> They moved to Washington territory for a time, but were in Tillamook Co., for the 1880 census. From there I have no information. They had 6 children at the time of the 1880 census:

Martha A. Martin--b. Abt. 1869.

J. Martin (Girl)----b. Abt. 1871.

O.S. Martin (Girl)--b. Abt. 1873.

R.C. Martin (Girl)--b. Abt. 1875.

Jennie J. Martin---b. Abt. 1878.

J. Martin (Boy)----b. Abt. Jan. 1880.

Olive Elizabeth Knifong, Joseph's Youngest daughter, married Christopher J. Hussey at her fathers home Oct. 3, 1867.<sup>11</sup> They had 2 daughters and 1 son:

Hettie Hussey--b. 27 Dec. 1868--d. 2 April, 1895.

Irvin Hussey--b. 27 Feb. 1881--d. 17 Dec. 1944

Bessie H. Hussey--b. 1886--d. 1932.

Both girls married and had children, Hettie married Joseph Marion Yocom, Dec. 22, 1886 they had 3 children that I am aware of. Bessie married Harry M. Kershaw, March 25, 1908. Mr. Kershaw was a very prominent man in Willamina, they had 1 son. I have no information about Irvin at this point. Christopher, Olive, Hettie, Irvin and Bessie are all buried in the Deer Creek cemetery, about 1 mile south of Bellevue, Oregon.<sup>12</sup>

According to an interview Josephs daughter Olive Elizabeth Knifong Hussey gave to the Oregon Journal on Sept. 17, 1930, Joseph and Mary (called Polly Owen White by Olive) may have had several more children. I am attaching a copy of the interview to this document.

Richard C. (Dick) Smith Sept. 16, 1996.

Pedegree: Richard Smith- Vivian Strebe Smith- Hettie Knifong Strebe-John Martin Knifong- Joseph W. Knifong.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Polk Co., marriage records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Polk Co., marriage records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Yamhill Co., cemetery records.

While visiting the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Baker City, Oregon, I was leafing through a book "Conversations with Pioneer Women" by Fred Lockley, when I came across the name of my Great, Grandfather Joseph Knifongs daughter Olive Knifong Hussey. It turns out that she was interviewed at her home in Willamina, OR in 1930 by the Oregon Journal newspaper. This is from the interview:

Mrs. Hussey was born in Missouri in 1851. Her mother died of cholera while the family was crossing the plains to Oregon in the summer of 1852.

"Father married Mrs. Polly Owen White. She was a widow with one child, a girl. She and her husband started across the plains with their little baby. Her husband was driving a team for their keep. When he died on the plains, the family for whom he had been working didn't feel like taking his wife and baby on to Oregon for nothing, so they made them get out, saying that maybe she could walk on to Oregon with her baby or she might pick up a ride. She had no outfit, no money, and no way to come to the Willamette Valley when she was abandoned, about half-way of the journey."

"A man named Woodin saw Mrs. White, with her little baby, sitting beside the road, crying, so he stopped to see what was the matter. She told him she had been abandoned and had no money and no food. She told him that her husband's brother, Mr. White, lived at Salem, and that if she could get to Salem she could get enough money to pay for the rest of her trip across the plains. Mr. Woodin took her along with him to Salem and wouldn't charge her anything for it. Father met her in Salem and married her along about 1853 or 1854. She and Father had four pairs of twins—that makes eight—plus a number of singles."

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